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NSCB CONDUCTS STING OPERATIONS RESULTING IN 27 CITATIONS
FOR ILLEGAL CONTRACTING

In recent weeks, the Nevada State Contractors Board has issued 27 citations and 2 industry violations as the result of successful sting operations.

On September 25 and October 1, criminal investigators in the Reno office of the Nevada State Contractors Board, in cooperation with the Nevada Attorney General's investigative unit, conducted sting operations in the Northern Nevada area. These stings resulted in the issuance of **(8)** citations against three individuals for violations of NRS.700 (*engaging in business without a license*) and 624.720 (*unlawful advertising*). The Attorney General's office also issued citations against these individuals.

On October 15-17, criminal investigators assigned to the Board's Special Investigations Unit conducted a sting operation in the northwest area of Las Vegas. The sting operation resulted in the issuance of **(19)** citations against nine individuals for violations of NRS 624.700 (*engaging in business without a license*), and the opening of **(2)** industry violation cases for violation of NRS 624.720 (*unlawful advertising*).

Those cited will appear in justice court for hearing within the next 30 days. NRS 624 makes contracting without a license a Misdemeanor for the first offense, a Gross Misdemeanor for the second offense, and a Class E Felony for the third offense.

The NSCB urges consumers to hire only licensed contractors. Consumers can verify contractors' licenses and obtain helpful tips for working with contractors by calling (775) 688-1141 in northern Nevada or (702) 486-1100 in southern Nevada. Licenses can be verified 24 hours a day using the NSCB's fax-back phone line or logging on to www.nscb.state.nv.us.

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